

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph on page 1 lines 6 through 15 with:

"This application is related to co-owned U.S. utility application entitled "TRIPHOSPHATE OLIGONUCLEOTIDE MODIFICATION REAGENTS AND USES THEREOF", to Schwartz et al., filed August 1, 2000 ~~(Attorney Docket No. 37154-752)~~ patent application Serial No.: 09/630,627. This application is related to co-owned U.S. utility application, entitled "FUNCTIONAL BIOPOLYMER MODIFICATION REAGENTS AND USES THEREOF", to Schwartz et al., filed August 1, 2000 ~~(Attorney Docket No. 37154-751)~~ patent application Serial No.: 09/630,060 and to ~~U.S. provisional~~ patent application Serial No. ~~60/191,186~~ 09/815,978, entitled "HYDRAZINE-BASED AND CARBONYL-BASED BIFUNCTIONAL CROSSLINKING REAGENTS", to Schwartz, filed March 22, 2000. The above-referenced applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety."